Extension of Purchase Preference Policy for PSUs

1434. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group of Ministers has recommended for extension of Purchase Preference Policy for PSUs by three more years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry of Power is opposing the extension of Purchase Preference Policy;

(c) whether any threshold limit has been fixed on the value of tenders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Government, based on the recommendations of a Group of Ministers, has extended the Purchase Preference Policy (PPP) for three more years with clear stipulation that it will be terminated with effect from 31.3.2008.

(b) The Ministry of Power has been granted exemption from the PPP, subject to the condition that they will place certain orders to BHEL on a negotiated basis price benchmarked through competitively bid projects every year.

(c) and (d) The Government has decided that the purchase preference will be available to the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) for contracts including civil works and turnkey contracts of the value of Rs. 5 crore and above but not exceeding Rs. 100 crore.

CABE Committee recommendations

1435. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee has suggested uniform physical and human